

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated March 28, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments. We also enclose a Terminal Disclaimer linking the term and ownership of any patent granted on the present application to that of US 6,692,108.

Amendments

The claims have been amended to correct the antecedent and typographical errors identified by the Examiner. Claims 8 and 27 have been amended to address a transcription error in which the ejection aperture was defined as being formed within 50 microns from itself, instead of 50 microns from the heater element. The addressee would immediately recognize that claims 8 and 27 lack a sensible construction, but upon reference to the specification as a whole, understand that these claims are directed to the matter described at page 21, lines 9-15.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

Claim Objections

As discussed above, we submit that the amended claims address the antecedent and clarity issues identified by the Examiner.

35 USC §112

Amended claims 8 and 27 have corrected a transcription error which rendered the original claims without a sensible construction. We submit that the addressee would have been able to easily recognize the error and resolve it by referring back to the description. Amended claims 8 and 27 are clearly supported at page 21 lines 9-15.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

We trust the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer addresses this issue.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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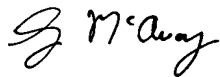
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